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Sir:

We wish to be made of record the following reference:

US Patent No. 6,016231 issued on January 18, 2000.

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It is respectfully requested that the reference be placed in the Patent Office file for the above-identified application for interested members of the public in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i).

Respectfully submitted,

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